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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

St. John's Church, Walhalla, S. C., October 14, 1869.

The Forty-Fifth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States began its Sessions in St. John's Church, Walhalla, S. C., on the 14th day of October, 1869. Rev. T. S. Boinest, President of Synod, preached the Synodical Sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M., from Numbers, xxiii: 23.

FIRST SESSION.

12 O'clock.

Synod was opened in due form by the President. The roll was called, and the following registry made:

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.

Rev.	Jno. Bachman, D.D	Charleston, S. C.
"	J. H. Bailey	Leesville, "
"	Wm. Berly	Lexington, "
"	T. S. Boinest	Pomaria, "
"	D. P. Camman	Augusta, Ga.
"	E. Caughman	Leesville, S. C.
"	Paul Derrick	Orangeburg, "
"	J. N. Derrick	Lexington, "
"	S. T. Hallman§	Fort Motte, "
"	J. Hawkins	Newberry, "
"	W. W. Hicks*	Charleston, "
"	J. H. Honour	" "
"	Wm. A. Houck†	Orangeburg, "

§Ordained at present meeting.
*Received at present meeting.
†Appeared on Friday.

Rev. Jesse B. Lowman.....Lexington, S. C.
" L. Muller.....Charleston, "
" A. R. Rude.....Columbia, "
" J. P. Smeltzer.....Walhalla, "
" Jeff. A. Sligh.....Pomaria, "
" J. H. W. Wertz.....Leesville, "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. Drury Kyser.....Lexington, S. C.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Maj. P. E. Wise.....*Treasurer of Synod.*
Jacob F. Schirmer.....*Treasurer of Seminary Fund.*
Thomas W. Holloway.....*Treasurer of Widows' Fund.*
Capt. J. P. Aull.....*Treasurer of Missionary Society.*

MINISTERS ABSENT.

Rev. C. F. Bansemer.....Savannah, Ga.
" B. F. Berry.....Cowpen Branch, S. C.
" E. A. Bolles.....Columbia, "
" S. Bouknight.....Leesville, "
" W. S. Bowman.....Charleston, "
" E. Dufford.....Fort Motte, "
" B. Kreps.....Graniteville, "
" A. W. Lindler.....Frog Level, "
" J. P. Margart.....Eufala, Ala.
" D. Shealy.....Rockville, S. C.

LAY DELEGATES.

Rev. Dr. Bachman's charge.....H. Cobia.
" J. H. Bailey's " .....Joshua Taylor.
" W. Berly's " .....Jas. E. Hendrix.
" B. F. Berry's " .....S. H. Furman.
" T. S. Boinest's " .....Z. W. Bedenbaugh.
" W. S. Bowman's " .....G. S. Hacker.
" D. P. Camman's " .....George Evers.
" P. Derrick's " .....W. C. Till.
" J. N. Derrick's " .....Jacob Wingard.
" J. Hawkins' " .....John L. Derrick.
" W. A. Houck's " .....E. H. Irick.
" L. Muller's " .....John Heeseman.

Rev. A. R. Rude's charge.....Dr. D. L. Boozer.
" J. P. Smeltzer's " .....George A. Hough.
" J. A. Sligh's " .....Maj. Jacob Epting.
" J. H. W. Wertz's " .....Wm. Haltiwanger.
" S. T. Hallman's " .....Allen Wyse.
Congregation at Walhalla, ...C. H. Hesse.
Rev. D. Kyser's charge, ...Jasper Black.

Rev. Jacob Austin, Delegate from Synod of Georgia, and Rev. A. D. L. Moser, Delegate from the Synod of North Carolina, were introduced, and invited to seats.

Rev. W. W. Hicks, of the Reformed Church, was also invited to a seat as advisory member.

Synod now took a recess until 3 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. L. Muller.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Bailey.

The President read his Annual Address, which was received and laid on the table, to be referred to a committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren: We are permitted again to greet each other in Synodical Convention after the lapse of another ecclesiastical year, and through the mercy of God we are all alive here to-day. Not many seats are vacant among those which our clerical members should occupy, and of those whose counsel and encouragement we are deprived all still live, save our venerated father in Israel, the Rev. Michael Rauch, who, having served his day and generation in a long and useful life, the dark Providences of which he bore with christian fortitude and submission, fell asleep in Jesus on the 27th of February last. This Synod will doubtless show its appreciation of this devoted and pious christian minister, by a fitting tribute to his memory.

I have, as the presiding officer of Synod, been called upon to perform but one official act during the Synodical year just closed, which was at the request of Rev. Carl Weber, to grant him a letter of dismissal to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, which I forwarded to Hammonton, N. J., where he now has a pastoral relation.

A few months since, a letter was received from Rev. B. M. Schmucker, of the Mission Committee of the Pennsylvania Synod, proposing to assist us to the amount of $200 in

procuring a Missionary to labor among our German immigrants now being introduced into our State, two hundred of whom are already here through the agency of the Newberry Immigration Society. I immediately replied, expressing our appreciation of their christian kindness and liberality, and assuring them that I would press the matter upon our Missionary Society at its next meeting. Something ought to be done for the supply of these our brethren of the same faith, from the Vater land, with the Bread of Life and the Ordinances of the Church in their own language. Your presiding officer has, as far as he was able, baptized their children and administered to them the Communion in their mother tongue, but many of them are too widely scattered, and his German too imperfect to render them either justice or satisfaction; and our Missionary Society ought, at this meeting, to take some action in the premises, and with a view to the employment of a German traveling Missionary.

From a number of clerical and pastoral changes which have either already transpired, or are likely ere long to take place, it is to be feared that there will be a number of our congregations left without a regular ministry, and thus in danger of falling a prey to that spirit of proselytism which is so active in some quarters of the Church. The supply of ministers is unequal to the demand, and however loudly these vacant churches may call upon us to help them, the means are not at hand. The appointment by this body of an *Evangelist*, whose duty it shall be to visit these vacant churches statedly, and to look after our scattered membership, and thus in a measure to supply this pressing necessity, is worthy the serious and prayerful consideration of this Synod.

The brethren, Revs. Wertz, Hawkins, Derrick and Sligh have reported revivals of religion in their respective charges, in which a number of persons were renewed in the spirit of their minds and several added to the membership of the Church. Others may have shared in the same gracious outpourings, but they have not reported as yet, intending doubtless to put the Synod in possession of the facts through their narratives on the state of religion.

Our College, in obedience to your instructions, was, soon after the meeting of Synod held at St. Paul's Church, Newberry, removed to Wahalla, where it has ever since continued its exercises with better prospects of success than in former years. The number of students in attendance has been encouraging, the expectation is entertained of a considable increase, and the Commencement exercises in June last gave universal satisfaction to its patrons and Trustees. The want now is the fostering care of the Church for a few years,

until its College classes shall afford a revenue sufficient to meet the salaries of the Professors. A project has been set on foot to procure the pledges of one hundred and fifty persons who will agree to contribute twenty dollars per annum for five consecutive years, in order to assist in paying Professors' salaries until the College shall (as it is hoped it will in that time) become self-supporting. Is it not possible to find that number of liberal Lutherans in our communion of over three thousand members? It needs but a little effort in the right direction, and it can be accomplished. The Synod doubtless will second the efforts of the Trustees to make Newberry College a power for education in our midst. The Secretary of the Trustees will doubtless communicate to you their official doings.

While on the subject of our educational institutions, I would suggest to Synod the idea of requesting the General Synod to relinquish the claim to our Theological Seminary, which, by resolution of this body, was ceded to them for the purpose of establishing a central Theological Seminary for our Southern Church. Several years have since elapsed, and there is no indication yet that anything will be done; and as this is the only source to which we can hopefully look for our future ministers, it is to us of the utmost importance that this school of the Prophets be sustained. If no better plan can be devised, it can, upon its restoration to our care, be continued, as before, in connection with the College.

Regular reports of the standing and attainments of our Beneficiaries under the care of the Synod have been forwarded to the presiding officer during the current year, and these all afford the gratifying information that these young brethren, both in deportment and habits of study, give promise of being workmen of whom we may not be ashamed in the office to which they are looking forward.

The districting of our congregations into pastorates has long occupied the mind of your presiding officer, but it seems to meet with so little favor by those whose interests it is designed to subserve, that I would scarcely have ventured to call your attention to it, had I not been requested by special resolution of the Edgefield Conference to do so. How it is to be done, if done at all, is for the wisdom of this Synod to determine. It has been done in other Synods with decided advantage both to churches and pastors, and is it not at least highly probable that it would add also to the prosperity of our congregations?

The system of Licensure which we still retain, I submit to your consideration, has now accomplished its work, and there is no longer now to be urged for it the plea of necessity. It has removed many of the safeguards which should be thrown

around the sacred office, and introduced into it those whose only influence has been to disparage it. I would recommend to the Synod the propriety, Scriptural and Lutheran, to abandon it; and where a candidate for the holy ministry is found worthy, induct him wholly into the office at once, or if not, do not encourage him half way.

Under the pressure of the times, or rather the plea thereof, the various benevolent operations of the Church have been and still are seriously cramped for want of funds. Nothing can be done without money, and so little is given that very little is accomplished. It can not be that christians are unwilling to give for church and benevolent purposes, for this is as much a part of their duty as to pray. The mistake is in the want of a systematic giving. It is generally done spasmodically, as occasion may arise, or as a demand may be made. The Apostolic rule was, that we should give systematically, and on the first day of the week each one was to lay by him in store according to the prosperity which God had given him. If this rule were more generally adopted in the Christian Church, how much greater indeed would be her achievements. Take, for instance, the data of our own Synod for the previous Synodical year: and there was contributed to the Synodical Treasury from 3,289 communicants, $282.20 to bear the incidental expenses of Synod and to support her beneficiaries. Now, suppose each communicant had contributed *only one cent per week* to this fund, we would have had $1,710.28—more than six times the amount actually realized. One of our Conferences, at a meeting in the early part of this year, adopted a systematic plan somewhat of this character; and a general adoption of it through our entire bounds, would give to our various Treasuries many times the amount which they now receive. This plan includes beneficiary education as one of the objects of its benevolence, and if it were generally adopted, it would render necessary the formation of an Educational Society, to whom its funds would be entrusted, and by whom the whole matter of education would be the more judiciously managed.

The *Lutheran Visitor* has now passed into the hands of its former Editors, two of our own brethren, and the objection can no longer be urged, that it is not the property of the Church; these brethren belong to the Church, and so does all their energies and labor. It is now emphatically *our* paper, and the Church is under obligation to sustain these brethren in their labor of love. It ought to be in every family; it will help them to know more of the Church and her wants; it will help the Pastor, by giving him a more enlightened people among whom to labor; and it will help

the Editors, for it will enlarge the sphere of their usefulness and make them a power in the Church. Let our Pastors strive to introduce it into every family in their charge.

A letter from Rev. C. F. Bansemer, bearing date Sept. 30, informs me that he is now engaged in organizing a German congregation in the city of Savannah; that their officers are elected and a Hall rented in which to worship, and their prospects are encouraging.

This brother also writes that the committee appointed at last meeting has not acted; and upon reflection, it appears expedient to await further developments and postpone the consideration of the case; but does not waive his privilege to demand the protection of Synod, if it should be rendered desirable.

Just as I am closing this report, the welcome intelligence reaches me that arrangements have been made by which our church at Newberry, which has had no regular service for nearly a year, will now be re-opened. Rev. J. Hawkins has resigned St. Mark's, St. Matthews and Newville churches, and has taken charge of Luther Chapel, in connection with Beth Eden, and by this arrangement the church at Newberry will be opened at least once every Sabbath.

The term of my service as presiding officer of this Synod, which your partiality has entrusted to me for four consecutive years, has expired, and I now return the trust to your hands. Conscious that, though prompted by the purest motives, and using the greatest diligence, I have in many respects failed to attain the highest excellence in the performance of the duties devolving upon me, I rely with confidence upon your charity, with which I am sure you will *now*, as you have already done in the past, cover over my many imperfections.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Amen.

THADDEUS S. BOINEST, *President.*

The biennial election for officers of Synod resulted as follows:

President—Rev. A. R. Rude.

Recording Secretary—Rev. J. Hawkins.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. P. Smeltzer.

Treasurer of Synod—Maj. P. E. Wise.

Treasurer of Seminary Fund—J. F. Schirmer.

Treasurer of Widows' Fund—T. W. Holloway.

Treasurer of Missionary Society—Capt. J. P. Aull.

Documents were called for and handed to the President.

On motion, the President was allowed until to-morrow morning to appoint the standing committees.

Rev. P. Derrick, delegate to North Carolina Synod, read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO N. C. SYNOD.

The corresponding delegate of this Synod to the sixty-sixth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina would report as follows:

The North Carolina Synod convened in Freiden's Church, Guilford County, N. C., April 29th, 1869, and continued its sessions until May 3d. It was the privilege of your delegate to be present during the entire sessions of the above named Synod. Our reception, as the representative of this body, was cordial and fraternal, and our stay among those brethren was pleasant and delightful. There was a great deal of business before Synod, mostly of a local nature, the greater portion of which was disposed of in a friendly and christian manner, and the balance postponed to an extra session of that body, which convened on Thursday before the fifth Sabbath in August last. Those brethren are alive to the interests of the Church, and work shoulder to shoulder for her prosperity. They have taken steps to establish a Theological Seminary within the bounds of their Synod; adopted a plan of systematic benevolence; abolished the Licensure system; and raised the standard of entering the ministry to an education equal to the sophomore class in any College and a two years' course in a Lutheran Seminary. This is a step in the right direction. The Lutheran Church, in order to keep pace with her demands, must have an educated ministry. The President, in a few remarks, assured your delegate of the continued fraternal feelings existing in that body towards ours.

My expenses were $17.50.

Respectfully submitted.

PAUL DERRICK.

It was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be ordered to pay the expenses of the delegate.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, alternate to the delegate to Georgia Synod, reported verbally that both were unable to attend; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the delegate to Georgia Synod, and his alternate, be excused for non-attendance.

Rev. J. H. Honour made the following report, which was adopted, and the committee discharged:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION.

The committee appointed to investigate, at Augusta, the differences between the Rev. C. F. Bansemer and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Augusta, Georgia, respectfully report:

That circumstances beyond their control have prevented them from accomplishing the object of their appointment; and as the Rev. Bansemer has requested that further action on the part of Synod be suspended for the present, in expectation of an agreement between the parties, the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JNO. H. HONOUR,
J. HAWKINS,
G. T. BERG.

Parochial Reports were called for, pending the reading of which Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock, Friday morning. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Hicks.

Divine service was held at night, Rev. J. Austin, officiating.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 15, 1869, 9 O'clock, A. M.

Rev. J. B. Lowman led in prayer. Minutes read and approved. Rev. W. A. Houck and Mr. H. Cobia appeared and took seats.

The President announced the following standing committees:

1. *On President's Address*—Revs. Honour and Sligh, and Wm. Haltiwanger.

2. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. Berly and J. N. Derrick, and Maj. J. Epting.

3. *On State of the Church*—Revs. Smeltzer and P. Derrick, and W. C. Till.

4. *On Synodical Fund*—Messrs. Hacker, Boozer and Hendrix.

5. *On Widows' Fund*—Messrs. Wingard, Bedenbaugh and Furman.

6. *On Seminary Fund*—Messrs. Wise, Evers and Irick.

7. *On Letters No.* 1—Revs. Boinest and Wertz, and J. L. Derrick.

8. *On Letters from* 2 *to* 4—Revs. Camman and Caughman, and J. Heeseman.

9. *On Letters from* 5 *to* 7—Revs. Bailey and Lowman, and Joshua Taylor.

10. *On Vacant Congregations*—Revs. Houck and Hallman, and C. H. Hesse.

11. *On Memoirs*—Revs. Bachman and Berly, and Jacob Wingard.

The Corresponding Secretary read his report, as follows:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There has been no correspondence since the last meeting of this body. A copy of the Minutes of 1868 was sent to each Synod in connexion with the General Synod, South.

The Minutes received from other Synods, and intended especially for this body, are as follows:

1. *Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Georgia.*—This body numbers only six ministers. It was held at Mt. Zion Church, Macon County, Ga., October 1st, 1868. Its officers are, Rev. S. W. Bedenbaugh, President, and Rev. J. Austin, Secretary. These brethren, with others of our Church, are mourning over the low state of religion; and name as the reason, both the want of ministers and the withholding of the means due to the Church on the part of the laity. These brethren are laboring earnestly to extend the bounds of our Church in the State of Georgia.

2. *Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia*—The last meeting of this Synod was held in West Union, Preston County, West Va., September 24, 1868. Its officers are, Rev. G. A. Long, President, and Rev. J. A. Snyder, Secretary. The Synod numbers twenty-two ministers.

3. *Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-western Virginia.*—This body numbers twenty ministers. Its last Convention was held in Luther Chapel, Washington County, Va., August 13, 1868. The officers are, Rev. J. A. Brown, President, and Rev. J. C. Repass, Secretary. Roanoke College, under the fostering care of this Synod, is in a flourishing condition, and numbers 182 students.

4. *Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.*—This body met in Salem Church, Lincoln County, N. C., September 24, 1868. Twenty-six ministers compose this body. Its officers are, Rev. J. M. Smith, President, and Rev. C. Moretz, Secretary. This body, although within our bounds, is not connected with the General Synod, South, and have deferred action in reference to their union with the General Synod, and the adoption of the Book of Worship, from one annual session to another. We hope these brethren will yet become part of the General Synod, South.

We found nothing in these Minutes requiring the action of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SMELTZER, *Cor. Secretary.*

Parochial Reports were taken up and continued. (See Report at end of Minutes.)

The Secretary of Board of Trustees of College read his annual report, which was received and referred to a committee. Committee: Revs. Boinest, Berly and Muller, and Messrs. Schirmer and Haltiwanger.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

On the 1st of November last, Prof. Smeltzer, in obedience to orders from Synod, removed the College from Newberry to Walhalla, bringing with him ten of the students formerly connected with the institution. The Synod, at its last session, employed Rev. C. Weber in the College, with a salary of

$300. Prof. Smeltzer employed Prof. D. Arrington, with a salary of $800, and Mr. J. E. Houseal as teacher, with a salary of $200.

Sixty-six students were enrolled last session. The income from tuition was $499.97.

At the annual meeting in June last, $500 were borrowed by the Board, at an interest of ten per cent., for the immediate use of the Professors, to be refunded by Synod at its present session. Prof. Smeltzer was retained, with a salary of $1,000; Prof. Arrington, with a salary of $800; Prof. Weber, with a salary of $300; and Mr. J. E. Houseal, with a salary of $450. A committee was appointed to procure a Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature, with a salary of not more than $800. That committee has as yet been unable to obtain the services of such Professor, but it is absolutely necessary to have that chair filled, as Prof. Weber has declined to accept any position and has left the State. From this it will be seen that we will need $3,050 to carry on the College this year. Add to this the $1,358.70 already due the Professors, and over $4,000 will be required to carry us to July, 1870.

A plan was adopted by the Board, at its annual meeting in June, by which it was hoped the requisite amount could be raised; but hitherto it has proved a failure, and unless something of the kind can succeed, we do not see how we are to continue the exercises. Those who are imparting instruction in the College are doing their duty faithfully, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board. The Board would most gladly relieve the finances of the College, if in its power; but we are unable to do anything further. We are of the opinion, much as we regret being under the necessity of expressing it, that, unless Synod can devise some plan by which our promises can be met, we will be left without a Professor in less than twelve months.

Respectfully submitted.

J. HAWKINS, *Secretary of Board.*

A communication from St. John's, Charleston, was read by Mr. H. Cobia, and referred to the Ministerium.

Application for admittance into Synod was made by the English Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Walhalla; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That said congregation be received into connection with this Synod.

Mr. G. A. Hough, the delegate from this congregation, presented his certificate and was admitted to a seat.

Elections were now held for delegates to ecclesiastical bodies, as follows:

Delegates to General Synod.—Rev. T. S. Boinest, principal, Rev. J. A. Sligh, alternate; Rev. J. Hawkins, principal, Rev. P. Derrick, alternate; Rev. J. H. Honour, principal, Rev. W. S. Bowman, alternate; Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, principal, Rev. J. N. Derrick, alternate; Rev. A. R. Rude, principal, Rev. W. A. Houck, alternate; Geo. S. Hacker, principal, Wm. Haltiwanger, alternate; J. F. Schirmer, principal, George Evers, alternate; P. E. Wise, principal, D. L. Boozer, alternate; J. P. Aull, principal, Z. W. Bedenbaugh, alternate; H. Cobia, principal, R. G. Chisolm, alternate.

To North Carolina Synod.—Rev. J. Hawkins, principal; Rev. W. A. Houck, alternate.

To Synod of Georgia.—Rev. J. A. Sligh, principal; Rev. J. H. Bailey, alternate.

Directors for Theological Seminary.—Revs. Boinest, Hawkins and Bowman, and Messrs. Wise and Aull.

Rev. D. McNeil Turner, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, was presented to Synod and invited to a seat among us.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Turner.

AFTERNOON.

3 O'CLOCK.

Rev. T. S. Boinest led in prayer.

Rev. Boinest also reported the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 7.

Committee No. 7 find in their hands a letter from Rev. E. A. Bolles, General Agent of the American Bible Society, in which he gives as his excuse for non-attendance upon the present meeting of Synod, the severe illness of

Mrs. Bolles. This excuse coming within the scope of the regulation of Synod, the committee recommend that Bro. Bolles be excused, and that we hereby express our sympathy with him in his affliction, and pray that God may speedily restore his afflicted wife to health again, and that the Corresponding Secretary communicate to Bro. Bolles this action of the Synod.

Our brother is still engaged in the Bible work, and sends several documents relative thereto. Your committee would commend Bro. Bolles, and his work, to the consideration of all our churches.

Another paper in our hands is an extract of a Report from the Ladies' Sewing Society, of St. John's Church, Charleston, from which we gather the information that the two Ladies' Societies have been amalgamated and are working with increasing zeal. They are now sustaining two beneficiaries at our College, and have collected contributions during the year, from various sources, to the amount of $355.30.

We recommend that this report be read before Synod, and then handed over to the Editors of our Church papers, to use for the purpose of stimulating others to go and do likewise.

Respectfully submitted.

T. S. BOINEST,
J. H. W. WERTZ,
J. L. DERRICK.

Rev. W. Berley reported for Committee No. 2, which was considered by items and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 2.

Committee No. 2 beg to report:

1st. That on page 18 of last year's Minutes is a resolution instructing the Treasurer of Widows' Fund to obtain all the papers belonging to that Fund from the former Treasurer, and report the same at the present meeting.

2d. On page 20, the Treasurer of Synod is authorized to use his own discretion in the collection of funds belonging to Synod. We would be glad to know what has been accomplished.

3d. On same page, we find that a committee was appointed to investigate certain difficulties existing between Rev. C. F. Bansemer and the German congregation in Augusta. That committee have been discharged.

4th. On page 21, the Treasurer of Seminary is instructed to obtain from the Widows' Fund Society whatever assets he may have in his hands, and report at present meeting.

5th. A committee was appointed to make immediate sale of the College property at Newberry, under the existing judgment. Has the sale been effected?

6th. The Laity of the Church were recommended to hold a convention during the year, to devise a more systematic plan for carrying on the benevolent operations of the Church, and report through their pastors to this body. Has the convention been held?

7th. On page 24 is a resolution to alter Article II of Chapter 2 of Constitution of Synod, to be acted on at the present meeting.

8th. On page 26, it is resolved to strike out the Article of Constitution on Licensure. This must be acted on at this meeting.

9th. All vacant congregations were referred to the Conferences. The officers of these Conferences can state what has been done.

Respectfully submitted.

W. BERLEY,
J. N. DERRICK,
J. EPTING.

Under Item 1.—The Treasurer of Widows' Fund stated that he would make his report at the proper time.

Item 2.—The Treasurer of Synod reported progress.

Item 4.—Attended to.*

Item 5.—Answered negatively.

Item 6.—No. It was deemed unnecessary.

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* The *Widows' Fund Society* is different from the *Widows' Fund*. C. F. Blum is Treasurer of Widows' Fund Society.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS FROM 2 TO 4.

Your Committee on Letters from 2 to 4 respectfully report:

No. 2—is a letter from Rev. C. F. Bansemer, dated Savannah, Georgia, stating that he has arrived in that city, to take charge of a congregation recently organized, but the sickness of the President of the Church Council would prevent him from attending the present meeting of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3—is a letter from Rev. B. F. Berry, asking to be excused from attending the meeting of the Synod, on account of sickness in his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4—is a letter from Rev. W. S. Bowman, stating that he is at Woodstock, Virginia, for the restoration of his health, but as his health has not been quite restored, it would be impossible to attend the meeting. He expresses his good will towards us, and states that it is the first time in sixteen years that he has failed to attend, and as his church will be ably represented by Rev. J. H. Honour and a suitable delegate, asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted.

D. P. CAMMAN,
E. CAUGHMAN,
JOHN HEESEMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 1.

Committee No. 1 ask leave to report as follows:

1. The first item is relative to the death of Rev. Michael Rauch. The fathers of our spiritual Israel are passing away, one after another, to their eternal rest in heaven, and it well becomes us to cherish their memories and imitate the good examples they have set before us. We therefore recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Memoirs to prepare suitable resolutions in relation to the decease of our venerable father.

2. The second subject referred to by the President, is the necessity of missionary operations among our German brethren, who have recently immigrated from the father land. The committee deeply feel the importance of adopting

suitable measures to have the gospel preached to these strangers in their native language, and would earnestly recommend to the Missionary Society to engage in this great and important work without delay.

3. The third item is in relation to the Theological Seminary, and the propriety of requesting the General Synod to relinquish their claim to the Seminary which was ceded to them by this body. The views of the committee are in full accord with the President on this subject, and recommend that the delegates to the General Synod be instructed to ask that body for a relinquishment of their claim.

4. The next subject which claims the attention of Synod is the districting of our congregations into pastorates. This is a subject of great interest, involving, as it does, to a considerable extent, the future prosperity of our Church; and we recommend that it be referred to a committee of five, to report at the present session.

5. The system of Licensure is next referred to, but as the resolution to strike out Chapter IX of the Constitution of Synod, offered last year, will come up for action during the present session, we need say no more on that subject.

The last item that claims our attention is the *Lutheran Visitor*. We congratulate Synod upon the change that has been effected, by which the paper has become the property of the Church; and also upon its decided improvement, both editorially and typographically. We regard it as well worthy of the support of the Church, and recognize the duty of Synod to do all they can to make it not only self-supporting, but pecuniarily profitable. We urgently recommend to every member of Synod, both clerical and lay, to regard himself as an authorized agent to procure subscribers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. H. HONOUR,
JEFF. A. SLIGH,
WM. HALTIWANGER.

Under Item 4 of the above report, Revs. W. Berley and E. Caughman, and Messrs. Wise, Haltiwanger and Epting were appointed.

SYNODICAL FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH P. E. WISE, TREASURER.

1868.		DR.
Oct 15	—Cash on hand,	$ 58 93
	Congregational collection received this meeting,	282 20
	Received on Rev. B. Kreps' note,	10 00
1869.		
Jan 8	—Received on Edwin Harman's Bonds,	35 00
	J L Metz's Note,	25 00
" 31	—St. Mark's church,	100 00
Feb	—Rev A R Rude's church,	24 00
M'ch 11	—St. John's church, Charleston,	100 00
	Rev Paul Derrick's charge,	65 75
	Miss Maggie Souter,	5 00
May 3	—Bev J N Derrick's charge,	67 95
June 30	—Rev J A Sligh's charge,	25 00
	St Paul's church,	86 00
	Macedonia church,	45 00
	Colony church,	27 30
	St Matthew's church,	21 70
	Rev T S Boinest's charge,	100 00
Oct 14	—Rev J B Lowman's charge,	13 10
	Rev B F Berry's charge,	15 75
	St John's church, Charleston—bal. on pledge,	50 00
		$1,157 68

SYNODICAL FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH P. E. WISE, TREASURER.

1868.	CR.
Oct 27—Paid Rev J P Smeltzer, by order of Synod,	$200 00
1869.	
Jan 16—For printing Minutes of Synod,	105 15
Express on Money,	50
Feb 3—B D Busby and C P Boozer, Beneficiaries,	100 00
Rev Prof J P Smeltzer,	100 00
Prof D Arrington,	75 00
Prof Weber,	22 15
Prof J E Houseal,	20 00
M'ch 2—Rev W S Bowman, expenses on Minutes,	6 40
23—Prof D Arrington,	31 50
Prof J E Houseal,	9 00
Prof J P Smeltzer,	45 00
Prof C Weber,	13 50
C P Boozer, Beneficiary,	40 80
B D Busby, Beneficiary,	40 80
Express on Money,	75
May 13—C P Boozer, Beneficiary,	40 00
B D Busby, Beneficiary,	40 00
Express on Money,	50
June 12—C G Jaiger, proving note in bankruptcy,	1 00
July 1—C P Boozer, Beneficiary,	25 00
B D Busby, "	25 00
Oct 14—C P Boozer, "	40 00
B D Busby, "	40 00
Oct 15—Rev P Derrick, delegate to N C Synod,	17 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	118 03
	$1,157 68

The Committee on Report of Treasurer of Synod report that they have examined the same, and find it correct. We append a schedule of assets.

G. S. HACKER,
J. E. HENDRIX,
D. L. BOOZER.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS.

Note of Henry Summer, with int. from		Jan. 19, 1861,	$200 00
"	Rev B Kreps, "	Oct. 18, 1862,	40 00
"	D Kleckley, "	Oct. 22, 1860,	34 90
"	S W Boozer, "	Oct. 22, 1860,	181 36
"	J S Leaver, "	Oct. 24, 1860,	50 00
"	Rev J H Bailey, "	Oct. 1, 1859,	305 00
"	Rev J H Bailey, "	Jan. 17, 1860,	6 50
"	Elijah Wingard, "	Oct. 15, 1860,	31 85
"	John Kleckley, "	Nov. 20, 1860,	200 00

Mr. Schirmer reported on Widows' Fund Society as follows:

WIDOWS' FUND SOCIETY.

Treasurer of Seminary respectfully reports, that, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the last meeting of Synod, he has received the following assets from C. F. Blum, the former Treasurer, as belonging to the Society:

Bond of Rev. C. H. Bernheim, dated Feb. 15, 1850, with interest from Oct., 1861, for	$625 00
Deposit Book in the Savings Institution, Cash, being a balance in his hands as reported per Minutes in Oct., 1867,	49 02
Since the receipt of the above, he has received the amount paid by Savings Institution as final settlement,	$388 50
Interest on the balance of Cash in hand, as reported above, from 1st of Oct., 1867, to 1st of Oct., 1869,	6 86
Interest on the amount received from Savings Institution from 1st Apl., 1869, to 1st Oct., 1869,	13 60
	$408.96

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB F. SCHIRMER,
Treas. Seminary Fund.

It was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Seminary Fund use his endeavors to collect the available funds of the Widows' Fund Society.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Caughman.

Divine service in the evening. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Sligh.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 16, 1869.
9 O'OCLOCK, A. M.

Dr. Bachman offered prayer.

Capt. J. P. Aull and Mr. W. T. Holloway appeared and took seats.

Mr. Z. W. Bedenbaugh read the report of Committee No. 5:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 5.

Committee No. 5 respectfully report that the Treasurer of the Widows' Fund informs them that he had not been able to obtain anything from the former Treasurer but simply a statement of Bonds in his hands, which is herewith submitted. It is very desirable that the former Treasurer place in Mr. Holloway's hands everything belonging to the Fund, that whatever is available may be collected.

Respectfully submitted.

JACOB WINGARD,
Z. W. BEDENBAUGH,
H. S. FURMAN.

STATEMENT—ASSETS OF WIDOWS' FUND.

Bond of A. G. Summer, Wm. Summer, Henry Summer and J. A. Metz,		$1,102 50
Interest from 13th November, 1856.		
Bond of H. Addy and Uriah Crout,		156 00
Interest from 3d March, 1858.		
Bond of J. H. Bailey, L. Swygert and J. H. Boozer,		100 00
Paid Nov. 6th, 1856,	$56	
Note of J. H. Bailey and J. N. Derrick,		21 07
Note of S. Dufford, J. A. Shiver, and J. D. Low,		40 00
Paid November 10th, 1853,	$14	

Rev. W. Berley read memoir of Rev. Michael Rauch, which was read standing and in silence. (See Appendix.)

Rev. W. Berley reported as follows:

REPORT.

The committee appointed to district the churches into pastorates, report the following:

1. The churches in Charleston, Augusta, Columbia, Newberry and Walhalla each constitutes a pastorate.
2. The churches in Barnwell County shall constitute pastorate No. 1.
3. St. Matthew's and Mt. Lebanon, No. 2.
4. Pine Grove and Trinity, No. 3.
5. Sandy Run, St. David's and St. Stephen's, No. 4.
6. Nazareth, Providence, St. John's and Bethlehem, No. 5.
7. Salem, Union, St. Peter's and Mt. Zion, No. 6.
8. St. Mark's, Corinth, Trinity and Good Hope, No. 7.
9. Graniteville and Mt. Calvary, No. 8.
10. St. Andrew's, St. Michael's and Bethel, No. 9.
11. St. John's (White church,) and Bethlehem, No. 10.
12. St. Paul's and Macedonia, No. 11.
13. St. Luke's, Newville and Colony, No. 12.
14. Beth-Eden, St. Matthew's and Liberty Hill, No. 13.

W. BERLEY,
E. CAUGHMAN,
P. E. WISE,
J. EPTING,
WM. HALTIWANGER.

Upon the adoption of the above plan for districting the churches, the following was

Resolved, That the above arrangement be suspended for one year, and that previous to the next meeting of Synod, all our pastors, except those in the cities and towns referred to, resign their charges, with a view to allow the charges to enter into said arrangement.

Resolved, That after the pastors shall have resigned their respective charges, previous to the next meeting of Synod, no one of them shall be allowed to accept a call to any church in any pastorate unless he accepts a call to the whole pastorate.

Resolved, That a plurality of votes cast by all the churches in any particular pastorate, together with the specified amount they propose to pay as a salary, shall constitute a call to any pastorate.

Revs. Lowman and Camman, and Messrs. Hendrix, Till, Furman, Taylor, Boozer, and H. Cobia obtained leave of absence after Sunday.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish an abstract of our proceedings for publication in the *Lutheran Visitor*.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod pay Rev. S. T. Hallman $5 for service performed in copying minutes.

Resolved, That Treasurer of Synod be ordered to pay $500, borrowed by Board of Trustees last June, and take receipts for same.

The Secretary of Board of Trustees asked and obtained permission for Board to hold a meeting on Monday morning.

Synod then adjourned until 11 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Rev. D. Kyser.

At 11 o'clock, Missionary Society held its annual exercises.

At 3 o'clock P. M., Preparatory Service was held in the German Language. Rev. L. Muller preached the sermon.

In the evening, Rev. W. Berly preached and the Secretary held the Preparatory Service in English.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

In the morning, Rev. D. P. Camman preached in the Lutheran Church, in the German Language. Rev. W. W. Hicks preached in the Methodist Church.

At 3 o'clock P. M., Rev. S. T. Hallman was solemnly ordained and fully set apart to the holy office of the christian ministry.

Dr. Bachman made an address, after which the President consecrated the elements of the Holy Supper, and a very large communion followed.

In the evening, Rev. W. W. Hicks preached again, and the immense congregation dispersed, grateful for the privileges of God's house and the blessings of the Gospel.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 18, 1869.
11 O'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Berly.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are eminently due, and are hereby tendered, to the German Lutheran Congregation, and the citizens of Walhalla generally, for the generous hospitality we have shared from their hands and hearts since we have been in their midst, and that we will pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Rev. T. S. Boinest reported:

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Trustees of Newberry College beg leave respectfully to report:

That there is no concealing the fact that the College is in an extremity from which nothing can extricate it but the united efficient action of the Church, and its rallying to the immediate rescue. There is now due the Professors for past salaries, $858—five hundred dollars having been paid since this Synod assembled. These same Professors are still employed, with the exception of Prof. Weber, who has removed; and another Professor must be elected, if the College is to continue, as Rev. Mr. Holland has declined the appointment recently conferred. The plan of raising one hundred and fifty subscribers to give twenty dollars per annum for five years, we regard as a feasable plan, and can be accomplished by an efficient agent in a very short time. The committee would therefore reccommend that Synod give this whole matter its careful consideration, and either adopt this plan or devise some better one for the *permanent* establishment of Newberry College, or else determine that it be no more; for there can be nothing gained by its eking out a miserable existence; better let it come to a speedy close, than live out a sickly existence of a few years.

T. S. BOINEST,
L. MULLER,
W. BERLY,
J. F. SCHIRMER,
WM. HALTIWANGER.

Rev. Boinest also reported this resolution:

Resolved, That the Board, being unable to take any action in reference to the continuance of the College, now adjourn, to await the action of Synod on the subject.

Rev. W. W. Hicks moved that an Agent be elected to collect funds for College.

Mr. J. F. Schirmer offered the following:

Resolved, That Rev. W. A. Houck be hereby appointed General Agent for Newberry College.

Resolved, That all our ministers and all brethren in our convention, will earnestly aid and assist our Agent in his work.

Resolved, That the compensation of our Agent shall be fifty dollars per month, not including his traveling expenses —which, with all other incidental expenses, shall be paid out of funds collected.

Resolved, That a committee from this body be appointed to act as an Advisory Committee, whom the Agent may consult in all his operations, and who shall take in charge the funds so collected; and that they be authorized to appropriate said funds when collected to the payment of the salaries of the Professors, as in their judgment they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That said committee be requested to endeavor to obtain from the various railroad companies some reduction of charges that may be incurred by our Agent in the prosecution of his work.

Rev. W. A. Houck accepted the agency. Rev. W. W. Hicks, and Messrs. Hacker, Schirmer, and Calb were appointed an Advisory Committee to co-operate with our Agent.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Houck.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 O'CLOCK.

Opened with prayer by Rev. S. T. Hallman.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish a copy of the resolutions concerning the agency for College for publication in the *Lutheran Visitor*.

The Secretary of Board of Trustees reported that the Board had a pledge from the citizens of Oconee County, including the ladies, to do their utmost to present to the Synod, within ten years, the College building complete and free from encumbrance.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take charge of the interest of the College building, and receive and pay out all monies, &c., pertaining to the same.

Committee: Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, Dr. Norman, and Richard Porcher.

St. John's Church, Charleston, was proposed by Mr. H. Cobia as the next place for meeting; the vote was cast in favor of the offer, and it was

Resolved, That we meet in St. John's Church, Charleston, on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1870.

Resolved, That the Secretary have printed 1250 copies of the Minutes, for distribution.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer read Report of Committee No. 3:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee regret that, from the want of time, the hurry of Synodical business, and the meagreness of the reports on the state of religion presented to Synod by the pastors, we are unable to submit such a report as would be satisfactory, either to themselves, to Synod, or to the Church at large. Some of our pastors report that their congregations have been visited with refreshing showers of divine grace, by which the hearts of pastor and people have been made glad, and sinners brought to Christ; others are mourning over the low state of piety in their churches, and weeping that such things exist that hinder the onward progress of our Zion. Some have experienced and seen manifestations of increased liberality; others complain of covetousness and worldly-mindedness existing in their congregations. One brother remarks that "he laments that vital piety and godliness are not what he desires, notwithstanding sinners have been convinced, and have fled to the arms of bleeding mercy." Another says, "God's presence was manifested in the outpouring of his grace to the awakening of sinners and the reviving of sinners." One pastor

reports that, "while no special manifestation of God's grace has visited us, yet a good attendance on the services of the sanctuary has characterized our Sabbath exercises." And another says that "a slow and steady development of christian life is evidently seen and felt in his congregation." One minister rejoices that "we are moving onward, though it may not be with rapid strides, yet it is onward; and while there are many things that cause us to weep, there are others we have also reason to rejoice." Again we hear the cry, "Darkness has hung over my little charge, but behold, the morning cometh, and the word of God is leading souls to the foot of the Cross."

From the reports read before Synod, and in the hands of the committee, several important inferences may be drawn.

1. There is an earnest desire on the part of the pastors for increased spirituality among their members. "O Lord, revive thy work," is the earnest cry heard in these reports. There are many things to weep over; the people are not as earnestly engaged in the great work as these pastors desire. Their hands are not held up as they suppose the duties of the people demand. This earnest desire, this cry to the Master, is set down as an evidence, a sign of spiritual progress, for the Lord has said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

2. Another inference we draw from these reports: the standard of piety is too low. This want of christian liberality, this worldly-mindedness in some quarters of the Church, the love of others growing cold, are evidences of the truth of our inference. Let our pastors hold up earnestly and continually the precepts of our Lord and his Apostles, the self-denying labors of the primitive christians, and, above all, seek to experience in their own hearts the spirit of the gospel and a greater degree of benevolence, and a higher standard of piety would be reported at our next annual meeting.

3. We learn from these reports the necessity of a complete system, both of organization and benevolence. Our membership is not reached, and the burden must be borne by a few, and some of these few become faint-hearted and weary. A start in the right direction has been made in districting our

congregations into pastorates, and any good system by which the resources of the Church may be obtained, would enable the Synod to carry on her benevolent operations. The reports exhibit some improvement in benevolence.

4. The Sabbath school, the training of children, Bible classes, and especially catechisation is obtaining greater prominence in our churches. Cheering news comes up from the congregations in reference to the instruction of children. Surely the young should be made acquainted with the Church of their Fathers, the doctrines of christianity; and the sinner must first be taught the evidences of religion, before he can believe them.

5. We would still draw another inference, viz.: the union and harmony which prevail among us. One brother assists the other in the great work of saving souls, and the united efforts of these brethren bring good news to our Synod.

We have reason to be encouraged when we read these reports from the different pastorates, and we feel that God is blessing us, and that the Master is ready to pour out upon our Zion a shower of his grace; and we pray that when we meet again at our next annual meeting, the glorious news may be heard that refreshing showers of mercy and salvation have been experienced in all our congregations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SMELTZER,
PAUL DERRICK,
W. C. TILL.

Maj. P. E. Wise reported for Committee No. 6:

REPORT.

Committee No. 6 respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund, and find them correct and properly vouched.

P. E. WISE,
E. H. IRICK,
G. EVERS.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB F. SCHIRMER, TREASURER.

1868.		DR.
Oct 8	—Incidental expenses past year,	$ 10 00
1869.		
Feb	—Paid Rev J P Smeltzer,	100 00
M'ch	—Paid Rev J P Smeltzer,	100 00
May	—Paid Rev J P Smeltzer,	100 00
	—Amt. invested in Bond and Mortgage,	2,000 00
Oct	—Paid Rev J P Smeltzer,	200 00
	—Express charges for remitting Money, &c.,	5 00
	—Balance in hands of Treasurer,	86 25
		$2,601 25

1869.		CR.	
Jan 7	—Received balance of Principal on Furman's Bond,	$ 20 00	
	Received Interest due on the same,	3 25	
Feb	—Received Interest on account of Miller's Bond,	97 50	
M'ch	—Amt. rec'd by W K Bachman, Esq.,	14 00	
April	—Balance of dividend from Savings Institution,	320 00	
Oct	One year's Interest on $300 City 6 per cent. Stock,	18 00	
	—One year's Interest on 6 Bonds of S. C. R. R., less tax,	199 50	
May	—Amount of Lovegreen's Bond, principal in full,	1,786 00	
	Interest in full due on same,	143 00	
			$2,601 25

Oct 1869—Balance in hands of Treasurer, $86 25

The Bond of Estate of Beck, which has been in suit, the attorney obtained against some of the sureties, for which he obtained two Bonds secured by mortgage of property in Columbia. One Bond for $1,516.13, and another for $1,050, making in all $2,556.13, with interest payable annually, from December 7, 1868, principal to be paid in three annual

installments. When a portion of the principal is paid, $73 has to be paid M. H. Berry, leaving $2,493.13 as the property of the Seminary.

ASSETS.

Bond of Estate of Sondley,	$4000 00
" " Lown,	500 00
" Rev Sheppard,	479 19
" A E Miller,	1500 00
" W T McFall,	200 00
" J L Metz,	100 00
6 Bonds of S. C. R. R.,	3000 00
City 6 per cent. Stock,	300 00
Personal Bond and Mortgage,	2000 00
Two Bonds and Mortgage,	2493 13

Some of these are now in suit.

Rev. J. H. Bailey reported for Committee No. 9:

REPORT.

Committee No. 9, on letters from 5 to 7, respectfully report that:

No. 5—is a letter from Rev. A. W. Lindler, in which he presents a lawful excuse for non-attendance. We recommend that he be excused. He encloses $3, two for the Missionary Society and one for Synod.

Nos. 6 and 7—are letters of excuse from Revs. B. Kreps and J. P. Margart, stating that sickness in their families prevent them from attending this meeting of Synod. Their excuses being satisfactory to your committee, we recommend they be excused.

J. H. BAILEY,
J. B. LOWMAN,
J. TAYLOR.

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Oct. 15, 1869.—Rev Paul Derrick's charge,		$ 26 45
Rev E Caughman's	"	4 00
" J H W Wertz's	"	15 30
" A R Rude's	"	25 00
" L Muller's	"	25 00
" W Berly's	"	10 00
" J H Bailey's	"	3 05

Rev D Kyser's	charge,	2 25
" S T Hallman's	"	7 00
" W A Houck's	"	25 75
" J Bachman's	"	136 30
" A W Lindler's	"	1 00
" J B Lowman's	"	3 00
" W S Bowman's	"	60 75
" J N Derrick's	"	57 05
" J Hawkins'	"	54 05
" B F Berry's	"	8 78
" T S Boinest's	"	20 20
" D P Camman's	"	10 00
" B Kreps'	"	6 00
" J P Smeltzer's	"	22 50
German church, Walhalla,		22 50
C. A. S.,		10 00

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COLLEGE.

Rev. J. Bachman	Dr. A. C. Norman.
" T. S. Boinest	Dr. —— Warne.
" J. Hawkins	Maj. P. E. Wise.
" W. S. Bowman	Capt. J. P. Aull.
" W. W. Hicks,	Capt. W. K. Bachman.
" J. A. Sligh	J. N. Huffman.
" J. H. Honour	Capt. G. S. Hacker.
D. Bieman	Maj. R. Porcher.
J. Schrœder	Wm. Haltiwanger.

Rev. Houck reported for Committee No. 10 on vacant congregations. The report was received, and the matter referred to the different Conferences.

Rev. W. W. Hicks offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby, tendered to the Presidents and Directors of the Greenville & Columbia, and the Blue Ridge, and the South Carolina Railroads, for kindness in passing our delegation for half fare.

Resolved, That we do now adjourn, to meet again on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1870, in St. John's church, Charleston.

Closed in due form by the President.

Rev. A. D. L. Moser preached at night.

JACOB HAWKINS, *Recording Sec'y*
Synod of S. C. and adjacent States.

Minutes of the Ministerium.

FIRST SESSION.

October 15th, 1869.

Opened with prayer by the Rev. W. A. Houck.

The Sermon and Journal of Rev. S. T. Hallman were referred to a committee consisting of Revs. P. Derrick, Wertz and Caughman.

The Sermon and Journal of Rev. D. Kyser were referred to Revs. Sligh, Bailey and Lowman.

A communication from St. John's, Charleston, was referred to Revs. Boinest, Houck, and J. N. Derrick.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Honour.

SECOND SESSION.

Prayer by Dr. Bachman.

Committee No. 1 reported:

REPORT.

The committee appointed to examine the Sermon and Journal of Rev. S. T. Hallman, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty asssigned them, and find that the Sermon is well arranged, truly doctrinal, and beautifully written, and that by diligence and perseverance he will make a laborer that needeth not to be ashamed.

His Journal has been faithfully and accurately kept, showing that he has preached 43 sermons, performed 12 baptisms, 20 confirmations, together with many other ministerial acts. We recommend that he be ordained.

Respectfully submitted.

PAUL DERRICK,
J. H. W. WERTZ,
E. CAUGHMAN.

Committee No. 2 reported:

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the Sermon and Journal of Bro. Kyser for examination, report that the duty has been discharged. The Sermon is generally correct in the arrangement of its divisions and sub-divisions. The ideas are expressed in plain language, breathing a spirit of piety and devotedness to his sacred calling. We would, however, kindly suggest to the brother a stricter attention to orthography and punctuation.

The Journal shows that he has been actively engaged in the discharge of his ministerial duties. We hope that the brother, by diligent study and close application, may become a very useful laborer in the Master's vineyard.

JEFF. A. SLIGH,
J. H. BAILEY,
J. B. LOWMAN.

Committee No. 3 reported:

REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of St. John's church, Charleston, requesting the admission of Rev. W. W. Hicks, assistant pastor of their congregation, into full connection with Synod, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that a colloquium be held with Rev. Mr. Hicks at the earliest possible period, with a view to a compliance with the wishes of said congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

T. S. BOINEST,
WM. A. HOUCK,
J. N. DERRICK.

Resolved, That Revs. Hallman and Kyser be examined, and if found worthy, they be ordained on Sunday.

Examining Committee: Smeltzer, Hicks, and P. Derrick.

Dr. Bachman made a statement in regard to Rev. Mr. Hicks. Revs. Muller, Smeltzer, and Boinest were appointed to hold a colloquium with Rev. Hicks before the Ministerium. The colloquium proving entirely satisfactory, the brother was, by a unanimous vote of the Ministerium, received into full connection with Synod.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Hicks.

THIRD SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. Wertz.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer reported, that the committee had met the brethren Hallman and Kyser, and examined them on such subjects and doctrines as they thought necessary to carry out the design of the Ministerium, and as the result of the examination would offer the following:

Resolved, That Rev. S. T. Hallman be ordained to the sacred office of the ministry on Sunday afternoon, immediately before Communion.

The case of Rev. Kyser is referred to the consideration of the Ministerium.

J. P. SMELTZER,
W. W. HICKS,
P. DERRICK.

Rev. D. Kyser was, by the Ministerium, continued as a Licentiate.

Rev. A. D. L. Moser asked for and obtained a duplicate of his ordination certificate.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Houck.

J. HAWKINS, *Secretary*
E. L. Ministerium.

Minutes of Missionary Society.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Honour preached the Missionary Sermon—after which the President, Mr. J. F. Schirmer, took the chair and called the house to order.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer offered prayer.

It was *Resolved.* That the Secretary collect and publish a list of the Life Members of the Society, and that it be published every succeeding year.

Messrs. Bedenbaugh, Hendrix, Hacker and Boozer were requested to take subscription for Annual Members. The following were secured:

Rev Dr Bachman,	$5	Mrs Smeltzer,	$1
" J P Smeltzer,	1	S S Smeltzer,	1
" J N Derrick,	1	H Ella Smeltzer,	1
" E Caughman,	1	Chas H Smeltzer,	1
" W A Houck,	1	Prof D Arrington,	1
" J H W Wertz,	1	Z W Bedenbaugh,	1
" P Derrick,	1	Maj P E Wise,	1
" J B Lowman,	1	Capt J P Aull,	1
" W Berly,	1	T W Holloway,	1
" A D L Moser,	1	A M Wise,	1
" S T Hallman,	1	H W Rikard,	1
" A W Lindler,	2	E H Irick,	1
" J Hawkins,	1	J F Schirmer,	1
" J H Honour,	1	G S Hacker,	1
" D Kyser,	1	Mrs E L Aull,	1
" T S Boinest,	5	W C Till,	1
" J Austin,	1	J E Hendrix,	1
" W W Hicks,	5	J R Black,	1
" J A Sligh,	1	J L Derrick,	1
John Hesseman,	1	J Wingard,	1
Mrs A R Sligh,	1	Jos Taylor,	1
H Cobia,	2	Maj J Epting,	1
Wm Haltiwanger,	1	Dr D L Boozer,	1
Miss M A Houseal,	1	Mrs M A Houck,	1

Mrs C Wilson, $1.

The officers elected were:

President—Jacob F. Schirmer.

Vice-Presidents—Dr. Bachman, W. S. Bowman and J. P. Kinard.

Recording Secretary—Rev. J. Hawkins.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. A. Sligh.

Executive Committee—Boinest, Hawkins, Sligh, W. W. Houseal, M. Barre, J. P. Aull and T. W. Holloway.

The Corresponding Secretary read his report as follows:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dear Brethren: About the first of March last, I received a petition for aid from the Lutheran church at Graniteville. I immediately called a meeting of the Executive Committee, and they voted the Rev. B. Kreps $100—fifty dollars to be paid then, and the other fifty at the present meeting of Synod.

I have received two reports from Bro. Kreps during the year, in which he informs me that the services are well attended, and that the membership are doing all they can to support their church—poor girls in the factory paying from eight to ten dollars each.

An effort has been made to complete the house in which they worship, and it is hoped that they will soon be able to do so.

The labors of Bro. Kreps have been very acceptable to the people, and blessed of God. He seems to doubt, however, whether it will ever become a self-sustaining church, and it would perhaps be well for the Missionary Society to look more closely into our interests in Graniteville.

Respectfully submitted.

J. HAWKINS, *Cor. Secretary.*

Graniteville was referred to Executive Committee.

Resolved, That all applications for aid be referred to Executive Committee.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report the unfinished business of this Society at the next meeting.

Committee: Rev. W. Berly, J. E. Hendrix and Dr. I. Caughman.

Revs. Boinest, Smeltzer and Hicks were appointed to deliver addresses at the next meeting of the Society.

Report of Treasurer was examined and found correct, and is hereto appended.

The Society adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Sligh.

J. HAWKINS, *Secretary*
Missionary Society.

J. P. AULL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1868.		DR.
Oct 1—To cash on hand,		$150 35
1869.		
Oct 14—To one year's interest on above,		10 52
—To two years' interest on N. Aldrich's Note,		2 25
—Balance dividend from Charleston Savings Institution,		12 40
Oct 16—Individual contribution received at Synod in Walhalla,		66 00
—Contribution from St. David's church, Lexington,		2 20
		$243 72
1869.	CR.	
June 1—By cash paid Rev. B. Kreps,	$ 50 00	
—By cash paid Check,	25	
Oct 18—By cash paid Rev. B. Kreps,	50 00	
		$100 25
Cash in hand,		$143 47

ASSETS.

A Note on Rev. N. Aldrich for	$16 14

The Committee appointed to examine the funds of the Missionary Society, report that they find the above report correct and properly vouched for.

Respectfully submitted.

P. E. WISE, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX.

MEMOIR OF REV. MICHAEL RAUCH.

This venerable patriarch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church finished his earthly career on the 26th of February last, having lived 88 years, 4 months and 20 days. Our esteemed and revered father spent the early part of his ministry in Orangeburg and Barnwell Districts, in collecting the scattered fragments of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in that section of South Carolina; and afterwards labored for a number of years in Lexington and Newberry Districts in reorganizing the old disorganized congregations, and in building up our beloved Lutheran Zion. In June, 1846, he moved to Edgefield District, and officiated for a few years in Trinity and Corinth Churches, and at the same time founded a new congregation, and succeeded in having a house of worship erected in the North-west part of Lexington District, by the name of Union. In the spring of 1858, he became deprived of his sight, but still preached occasionally, and remained cheerful and happy to the close of his life. Although our esteemed father had not enjoyed the advantages of a finished education, yet, without the least departure from truth, he may, with propriety, be said to have saved the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the State of South Carolina. He was one of that small number of ministers, who was very active and efficient in organizing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, which bears the name of his native State. He urged forward with zeal and success the founding of the Lexington Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, located at Lexington, S. C. He was an active member of its Board of Directors for a number of years. He, at all times, manifested a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the Institution, the Professors and Students; and whilst he was active in advocating the purity of the Church, he was no less zealous in promoting her spiritual welfare. But his labors on earth have ceased, and he has gone to receive the reward of the blessed on high.

Respectfully submitted.

J. BACHMAN, D.D.,
W. BERLY,
JACOB WINGARD.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS REPORTING.	No. of Congregations.	Children Baptized.	Members Received by			Dismissions.	Communicants.	Death of Members.	Prayer Meetings.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Synodical Fund.	Missionary Society	College Fund.	Local Objects.	Salary Promised.	Salary paid at Present.
			Baptism.	Confirmed.	Certificate.													
J. Bachman and W. W. Hicks,	1	78	24	36			450	18		1	61	306	136 00		160 00	573 00	5473 00	5473 00
J. H. Bailey,	2	10	4	17	2	1	209	5	4	2	17	103				286 00	28 00	
W. Berly,	2	2		1			71		1				10 00					
B. F. Berry,	3		5	12			112	1		1	3	30	8 77		15 75		100 00	30 00
T. S. Boinest,	3	12	3	12	1		443	3	2	3	29	211	146 20	24 01		73 69	475 00	450 00
W. S. Bowman,	1	38	1	13	6	1	203	7	1	1	25	200	235 75			600 00	1600 00	1600 00
D. P. Camman,	1	12		12			119			1	11	80					1000 00	1000 00
E. Caughman,	1	2					22	2		1	4	20	15 00		15 00			
P. Derrick,	2	10	7	10		1	138	4		2	15	100	26 45				400 00	325 00
J. N. Derrick,	4	27		34		2	458	5		4	15	140	29 05		103 50	108 00	255 50	
J. Hawkins,	*5	15		13	6	12	382	4	2	4	25	145	68 00		†125 00	800 00	865 00	400 00
S. T. Hallman,	2	5	7	11	2		75	2		1	7	29	7 00				111 00	
W. A. Houck,	2						146										75 00	
B. Kreps,	2	3	15	20	10	12	176	1	2	2	12	126	6 00					
D. Kyser,	1	19		16	3		47		1	3	10	115	2 25					
J. B. Lowman,	2	16		18			165		2	1	6	54						
L. Muller,	1	134		28			500	47		1	24	350	25 00			6000 00	1300 00	1300 00
J. P. Smeltzer,	1	4					20		1									
J. A. Sligh,	3	42	12	19	1	6	460	6	4	7	36	220	180 00			50 00	550 00	350 00
A. R. Rude,	1	11		6	1		64	3	1	1	8	56	5 00	20 00	24 00			
J. H. Werts,	2	12		40	5	5	150		1	1	3	35	15 35			300 00	100 00	
C. We[illegible]r,	1						50											
Newberry,	1						50											
Sar[illegible] Run,	1						50											
	45	442	78	318	37	40	4560	108	22	37	311	2320						

*Liberty Hill had no preaching this year, and Rev. J. A. Sligh was co-pastor at St. Matthew's—both in my charge.
†$25 from L. C. Kibler, per Rev. J. A. Sligh.

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REV. J. A. SLIGH.....Pomaria, S. C.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Synod of South Carolina will be held in St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., beginning on Thursday before the Third Sabbath in November, 1870.